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comprising:

1. ~~A baking rack assembly for an automatic bread making machine comprising:~~
a frame that is selectively placed into and removed from a baking chamber of an automatic bread making machine; and

a plurality of trays coupled to the frame in vertically spaced relation to each other, each tray providing a substantially horizontal support surface for a quantity of dough that can be proofed or baked on the tray when the frame and trays are positioned within the baking chamber.

2. ~~The baking rack assembly according to claim 1 wherein each of the trays is provided with one or more holes extending therethrough to facilitate the flow of air around and through the assembly.~~

3. ~~The baking rack assembly according to claim 1 wherein the trays are removably coupled to the frame.~~

4. ~~The baking rack assembly according to claim 1 wherein the frame is provided with a base member that is coupled to a bottom region of the baking chamber.~~

5. ~~The baking rack assembly according to claim 1, further comprising a handle coupled to the frame.~~

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6. ~~An automatic bread making machine comprising:
a housing having a baking chamber coupled to a source of heat and a baking rack assembly comprising a frame that is selectively placed into and removed from the baking chamber and a plurality of trays coupled to the frame in vertically spaced relation to each other, each tray providing a substantially horizontal support surface for a quantity of dough that can be proofed or baked on the tray when the frame and trays are positioned within the baking chamber.~~

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7. The baking rack assembly according to claim 6 wherein each of the trays is provided with one or more holes extending therethrough to facilitate the flow of air around and through the assembly.

8. The baking rack assembly according to claim 6 wherein the trays are removably coupled to the frame.

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9. The baking rack assembly according to claim 6 wherein the frame is provided with a base member that is coupled to a bottom region of the baking chamber.

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10. The baking rack assembly according to claim 6, further comprising a handle coupled to the frame.

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11. An automatic bread making machine comprising:
a housing having a baking chamber and a container for receiving bread making ingredients;

a motor for mixing the ingredients within the container to form a dough;

a frame that is selectively placed into and removed from the baking chamber and that is provided with a plurality of trays coupled to the frame in vertically spaced relation to each other, each tray providing a substantially horizontal support surface for a quantity of the dough; and

a heating element coupled to the baking chamber to bake the dough positioned on the trays when the frame and trays are positioned within the baking chamber.

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12. The baking rack assembly according to claim 11 wherein each of the trays is provided with one or more holes extending therethrough to facilitate the flow of air around and through the assembly.

cont p. 13. The baking rack assembly according to claim 11 wherein the trays are removably coupled to the frame.

Sub A6 > 14. The baking rack assembly according to claim 11 wherein the frame is provided with a base member that is coupled to a bottom region of the baking chamber.

cont p. 15. The baking rack assembly according to claim 11, further comprising a handle coupled to the frame.

Sub A7 > 16. A method of baking a plurality of portions of dough comprising:
placing ingredients into an automatic bread making machine;
activating a motor of the automatic bread making machine to mix the ingredients to form a quantity of dough;
removing the quantity of dough from the machine;
dividing the quantity of dough into a plurality of portions;
placing the plurality of portions of dough onto a plurality of trays coupled to a frame in vertically spaced relation to each other;
inserting the frame into a baking chamber of the automatic bread making machine; and
activating a heating element of the automatic bread making machine to bake the plurality of portions of dough.

Sub A7 > 17. A method of baking a plurality of portions of dough comprising:
forming a plurality of portions of dough;
placing the plurality of portions of dough onto a plurality of trays coupled to a frame in vertically spaced relation to each other;
inserting the frame into a chamber of an automatic bread making machine; and
activating a heating element of the automatic bread making machine to bake the plurality of portions of dough.